

COUNTRY Eastern Germany Approved For Release 2006/04/18 : CIA-RDP82-00457R013800080009-6

TOPIC Soviet Fuel Depots in the Soviet Zone of Germany 25X1

EVALUATION [REDACTED] E OBTAINED [REDACTED]  
 DATE OF CONTENT 25X1 25X1  
 DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 15 August 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED]  
 PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 25X1

REMARKS

25X1

RETURN TO CIA  
LIBRARY

- 25X1 25X1 1. From the construction work observed at the Soviet fuel depot in Biesen-  
 25X1 [REDACTED] the capacity of the depot will be considerably increased. 25X1  
 [REDACTED] underground installations were under construction.  
 On 15 May 1952, 2 or 3 fuel tanks, each with capacity of 15 to 20 cubic  
 25X1 meters, and 8 to 10 fuel tanks, each with a capacity of 10 cubic meters  
 were observed in the depot area. Numerous 200-liter barrels were seen  
 there at the end of May. The depot was guarded by about 30 to 40 men.  
 25X1 Truck [REDACTED] carried 2 officers and 4 EM from the depot toward Melchow  
 on 15 May 1952. (1)
- 25X1 2. On 18 May, [REDACTED] two fuel containers, each of a capacity of about  
 3 cubic meters, lying on the ground, and about 100 fuel barrels in an open  
 25X1 shed in the army fuel depot in Dresden-Radebeul, about 600 meters northwest  
 of the Radebeul-West railroad station. [REDACTED] 25X1  
 [REDACTED] an elevated tank, about 6 meters in diameter and 10 meters  
 high was probably no longer in operation. No traffic was noticed during  
 the period of observation. A railroad tank car was shunted to the depot  
 on the afternoon of 25 May.
3. No traffic was noticed at the Schwepnitz fuel distribution point during a  
 period of several hours of observation on 18 May. About 70 fuel barrels  
 and 6 iron containers were stored in the open near the spur track. The six  
 containers had an individual capacity of about 500 liters. (2)
- 25X1 4. During the period from 4 May to 5 June, no traffic was observed at the Radens-  
 25X1 leben fuel depot. On 14 May, two factory new trucks arrived at the depot. 25X1  
 [REDACTED] A third bunker.  
 about 20 meters long, 5 meters wide and 2 meters high was under construction  
 after the end of May. (3)
- 25X1 5. In May, [REDACTED] the enlargement of the Rostock-Marienehe fuel  
 depot had temporarily ceased. The depot consisted of three containers, each  
 with a capacity of about 2,000 cubic meters. (4)

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

DISTRIBUTION

25X1

25X1

6. At the beginning of June, [ ] following a decision of the SCC, the Schleife fuel depot had been declared a war prize and was to be bought back by the East German Republic. A bid for the installation and the stocks on hand was to be made by 1 July 1952. (5)

25X1

25X1

Comments.

25X1

- (1) The construction of a new fuel depot in Biesenthal is known from previous reports. No location sketch is available but the area is about 1.5 km northeast of Biesenthal railroad station, presumably near an air force ammunition depot, so that it can be serviced by the available spur track. Several fuel shipments which were dispatched to Biesenthal were consigned to [ ] which is [ ] the army fuel depot of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Eberswalde-Eisenspalterei. It is assumed that, upon completion of the Biesenthal fuel depot, the depot at Eberswalde-Eisenspalterei will be closed. [ ] Truck [ ] belongs to army signal troops of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

- (2) The capacity of the depot of the First Gds Mecz Army at Dresden-Radebeul is estimated to be about 1,000 cubic meters, which is higher than stated in the report. Schwepnitz is a field fuel distribution point of the First Gds Mecz Army at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds.
- (3) The statements correspond with reports on rail movements, according to which no fuel shipments arrived in Radensleben in May 1952. [ ] the fuel depot, which had been completed in April 1952, has a capacity of about 4,000 to 5,000 cubic meters and was about 50 percent filled at the beginning of May 1952. The absence of incoming shipments cannot be accounted for and is unusual.

25X1

25X1

- (4) The depot at Rostock-Marienehe has hitherto not been mentioned in connection with military supply traffic and, therefore, is believed to be used for civilian purposes.
- (5) The installation, which has presumably been used as reserve depot, was established in the former German ammunition depot in 1949 and 1950. Its capacity is between 4,000 and 5,000 cubic meters. [ ] It is doubted that it should have been sold to the German Government.

25X1

25X1

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY